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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. RESULTS OF THE EC MEETING AT COPENHAGEN

THE COPENHAGEN MEETING OF EC MINISTERS HAS ASSUMED THE BURDEN OF MAKING A MEETING BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND THE UNITED STATES A SUCCESS, A HIGH EC OFFICIAL HAS TOLD EMBASSY BRUSSELS. THE EC MINISTERS HAD FIRST DECIDED TO PRESENT A LIST OF TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION TO THE US, BUT THEN DECIDED IT WOULD BE BEST TO LET DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSEN WORK OUT THE LIST WITH MR. KISSINGER WHEN THEY MEET IN NEW YORK. THE FRENCH AGREED TO THE COPENHAGEN EC PROPOSALS TO AVOID BECOMING ISOLATED WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. (CONFIDENTIAL) BRUSSELS 5187, 9/12.

2. IN SCANDANAVIA

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A. ELECTION RETURNS IN NORWAY...

WITH MOST NORWEGIAN ELECTION RETURNS IN, EMBASSY OSLO REPORTS THAT THE SOCIALIST PARTIES HAVE A CONFIRMED MAJORITY IN THE NEW STORTING (PARLIAMENT). DESPITE THE PROSPECT OF A MAJORITY OF ONE, THE NEW PRIME MINISTER,

LABOR PARTY CHAIRMAN TRYGVE BRATTELI, HAS RULED OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A COALITION GOVERNMENT. PRIME MINISTER KORVALD INTENDS TO REMAIN IN OFFICE UNTIL OCTOBER. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) OSLO 3373, 9/12.

B. CAUSE CONCERN IN SWEDEN.

THE OUTCOME OF THE NORWEGIAN ELECTIONS IS REGARDED BY POLITICAL OBSERVERS IN STOCKHOLM AS A PARLIAMENTARY TRAGEDY SINCE IT VIRTUALLY GUARANTEES A WEAK GOVERNMENT IN OSLO. A CONSERVATIVE SWEDISH NEWSPAPER POINTED OUT THAT THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTIES IN DENMARK, SWEDEN, FINLAND, AND NORWAY ARE NOW TO SOME EXTENT PRISONERS OF EXTREME LEFT ELEMENTS. EMBASSY STOCKHOLM ADDS, HOWEVER, THAT THE NORWEGIAN EXPERIENCE IS UNLIKELY TO PRODUCE A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN THE OUTCOME OF THE SEPTEMBER 16 SWEDISH ELECTIONS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) STOCKHOLM 3242, 9/12.

3. WHY DID THEY DO IT TO VOA?

THE SOVIETS HAVE RECENTLY UNJAMMED THE VOA, THE BBC, AND DEUTSCHE WELLE. EMBASSY MOSCOW BELIEVES THIS MAY HAVE BEEN DONE TO OFFSET THE ADVERSE PUBLICITY CAUSED BY THE SAKHAROV-SOLZHENITSYN TRIALS. WITH PHASE II OF CSCE BEGINNING THIS WEEK, THE SOVIETS MAY ALSO HAVE CEASED JAMMING ACTIVITIES IN A BID TO SATISFY ONE OF THE GOALS OF THE CONFERENCE--LIBERALIZATION OF COMMUNICATIONS. IF THIS IS THE CASE, EMBASSY MOSCOW PREDICTS THE SOVIETS MAY TAKE A HARDER LINE ON OTHER CSCE ISSUES. (CONFIDENTIAL) MOSCOW 10974, 9/12.

4. JAPANESE RELATIONS WITH NORTH VIETNAM

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A JAPANESE FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL TOLD AMBASSADOR INGERSOLL IN TOKYO THAT THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (DRV) AND JAPAN SHOULD REACH AN AGREEMENT FOR NORMALIZING RELATIONS AROUND SEPTEMBER 20. JAPAN WILL RESPOND TO EXPECTED REQUESTS FOR AID BY SENDING TEAMS TO STUDY POSSIBLE PROJECTS, BUT DOES NOT ENVISAGE EXTENDING CONCRETE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO NORTH VIETNAM

AT THE PRESENT TIME. THE JAPANESE OFFICIAL RECOGNIZES THE U.S. POINT THAT PROVISION OF AID AT THIS STAGE WOULD RELAX PRESSURE ON THE DRV TO ABIDE BY THE PARIS AGREEMENTS. (SECRET) TOKYO 11780, 9/12.

5. DE BORCHGRAVE INTERVIEWS QADHAFI

NEWSWEEK SENIOR EDITOR DE BORCHGRAVE INTERVIEWED QADHAFI SEPTEMBER 11, BUT THE RESULTS WERE DISAPPOINTING IN PART DUE TO THE LACK OF A PROFESSIONAL INTERPRETER. QADHAFI REFUSED TO EXPAND ON HIS WARNING TO THE MAJORS AT THE ALGIERS CONFERENCE BEYOND STATING THAT "THEY MAY LOSE THEIR 49 PER CENT", AND IMPLIED THAT OTHER FIRMS HAVE OFFERED TO ASSIST LIBYA IN LIFTING THE MAJORS' 800,000 BARRELS PER DAY PRODUCTION SHOULD THE NEED ARISE. (CONFIDENTIAL) TRIPOLI 1172, 9/12.

6. CAIRO SUMMIT: RELATIONS RENEWED

AL AHRAH, AN AUTHORITATIVE NEWSPAPER IN CAIRO, ANNOUNCED THE RESUMPTION OF NORMAL RELATIONS BETWEEN EGYPT, SYRIA AND JORDAN AS A RESULT OF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SADAT, SYRIAN PRESIDENT ASAD AND KING HUSSEIN OF JORDAN. DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WERE BROKEN IN 1972. EMBASSY AMMAN VIEWS THE CAIRO MEETING AS AN IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT IN THE COMPLEX INTER-ARAB SITUATION INVOLVING FAR MORE THAN THE TRI-PARTITE RELATIONSHIP AND DETECTS KEEN JORDANIAN ANTICIPATION OF A RESUMPTION OF KUWAIT SUBSIDIES. (CONFIDENTIAL) AMMAN 4881, 9/11 AND CAIRO 2720, 9/12. RUSH

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